

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Robert G. Taub, Chairman;
Mark Acton, Vice Chairman;
Tony Hammond; and
Nanci E. Langley

Annual Compliance Report, 2016

Docket No. ACR2016

ORDER ON MOTION FOR CLARIFICATION

(Issued May 26, 2017)

On March 28, 2017, the Commission issued its Annual Compliance Determination for fiscal year (FY) 2016.¹ Finding First-Class Mail Single-Piece Letters/Postcards service performance to be out of compliance for the second year in a row, the Commission directed the Postal Service to provide certain specified data for FY 2017 in two sets. FY 2016 ACD at 133. First, the Postal Service was directed to provide data for FY 2017 Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 within 90 days of the issuance of the FY 2016 ACD (that is, by June 26, 2017). *Id.* Second, the Postal Service was directed to provide that data for FY 2017 Quarter 3, Quarter 4, and annualized for the fiscal year, in the FY 2017 Annual Compliance Report (that is, by December 29, 2017). *Id.*

On May 22, 2017, the Postal Service requested confirmation that the data request contained in question 3.a. of Chapter 5 of the FY 2016 ACD seeks information

¹ *Annual Compliance Determination Report, Fiscal Year 2016, March 28, 2017 (FY 2016 ACD).*

related to First-Class Mail Single-Piece Letters/Postcards.² The Commission confirms that the data request contained in question 3.a. of Chapter 5 of the FY 2016 ACD seeks information related to First-Class Mail Single-Piece Letters/Postcards.

If the Postal Service cannot provide responsive information to subpart 3.a. isolated to First-Class Mail Single-Piece Letters/Postcards, then consistent with the FY 2016 ACD instructions, responsive information should be provided at the most practicable level of granularity, along with a narrative identifying and explaining the level of granularity provided in the response (that is, identify what other products were used as the basis of the response and explain why these other products were included in the response). FY 2016 ACD at 135.

The Commission appreciates that the Postal Service used the procedure referenced in the FY 2016 ACD to seek clarity over one month before the deadline for the response to the data request and before expending significant resources. The Commission encourages the Postal Service to continue to use motions for clarification in advance of responsive deadlines to maximize responsiveness and minimize administrative burden.

It is ordered:

The Commission confirms that the data request contained in question 3.a. of Chapter 5 of the FY 2016 ACD seeks information related to First-Class Mail Single-Piece Letters/Postcards.

By the Commission.

Stacy L. Ruble
Secretary

² Motion of the United States Postal Service for Clarification of FY 16 ACD Information Request, May 22, 2017, at 3.